

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 44 of the First Extraordinary Session
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A RESOLUTION to commend Jody White for his bravery.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize young persons who, despite hardship, exhibit tremendous stamina and courage; and

WHEREAS, Jody White, a third-grader at East Hickman Elementary School, is clearly one such extraordinary person who is currently suffering the ups and downs of the chemotherapy that has killed all the leukemia cells in his body; and

WHEREAS, the first thing you see when you look at wrestling fan Jody White is the typical face of a nine-year-old boy, with a smile that betrays an unquenchable spirit and an obvious sense of fun; and

WHEREAS, although currently experiencing pain and nausea, he is extremely determined to overcome his illness and join his classmates at school; and

WHEREAS, in order to halt the progress of the disease, Jody has been treated with chemotherapy; and

WHEREAS, despite his problems and pain, Jody has bravely accepted his situation as just another challenge in life and an opportunity for God to heal him; and

WHEREAS, in the true spirit of the Volunteer State, two projects were initiated immediately after Jody White's situation was made public; and

WHEREAS, the first project has been initiated by the Hickman County Habitat for Humanity to provide the Whites with a bigger home so that Jody may have a separate room from his siblings and lower his risk of infection; Habitat for Humanity has secured the donation of a three-bedroom, two-bathroom mobile home from the Tennessee Manufactured Housing Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the second project was the 13th annual Middle Tennessee Talent Show; Jody was the recipient of the funds raised by the talent show; and

WHEREAS, Jody and his parents are also most appreciative of the funds raised and donated by Mr. White's co-workers and the students at East Hickman Elementary, which will help defray the Whites' travel expenses and put their new home into shape; and

WHEREAS, the cancer is now in remission; Jody and his parents say that God has answered their prayers; and

WHEREAS, Jody has maintained a closeness to God during this ordeal with cancer and treatments; he is reminded every day of everything that God has done for him by looking down at the thin cloth band on his right wrist with the word, FROG—Fully Relied On God; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are proud to salute this noble young person and express their best wishes for his continued progress; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Jody White for his heroic fight.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.